

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

July 4th &5th

|                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Offertory       | \$3179.10        |
| Shepherd’s Fund | \$ 80.00         |
| Building Fund   | \$ 584.00        |
| Insurance       | \$ 130.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>\$3973.10</b> |

Thank you to our parishioners

**E-TRANSFERS**  
If you wish to e-transfer your donations, please use the following email address: **stephensparish@gmail.com**. For tax receipt purposes, please include your envelope number (if applicable) or mailing address. Tax receipts are issued in the new year.

**ESTATE PLANNING & MEMORIAM REQUEST**  
We encourage Parishioners in their Estate and Funeral Planning to consider donations to their Parish or the Shepherd’s Fund Foundation in memory of a loved one. St. Stephen’s In Memoriam cards are available at the back of the church, the Parish Office, or Russell’s Funeral Home upon request.

**FRAGRANT-FREE PLACE OF WORSHIP**  
**PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR PARISH IS A FRAGRANT FREE PLACE OF WORSHIP AS WE HAVE MANY PARISHIONERS WHO ARE ASTHMATIC AND/OR HAVE SEVERE ALLERGIES. THANK YOU.**

**MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Tuesday, July 14th at 7:00 pm**  
Late Linda Healey req. by The Ploughman's  
Late Joseph Garret Bennett req. by Donna Dobin  
Late Violet Whalen req. by Maurice & Cecilia Hynes  
**Wednesday, July 15th at 7:00 pm**  
Int. Tony Neville req. by Patrick Hynes  
Int. Deacon Rodney Suclan req. by Patrick Hynes  
Late Teresa Brennan req. by Terry & Sissy  
**Thursday, July 16th at 9:30 am**  
Late Pat Sharp req. by The Nurse Family

Late George White req. by Mary Cooper  
Late Ethel Cochrane req. by Patrick Hynes  
**Friday, July 17th at 9:30 am**  
Int. Riza Villanueva req. by Patrick Hynes  
Late Kevin Doyle req. by Donor  
Souls in Purgatory req. by Liz Felix

**Sanctuary Candle**  
In Memory of Wishie Gaudet  
Love Mom & Dad

**DAILY READINGS, RESPONSORIAL PSALM & GOSPEL: July 12th to 18th**

Sunday, July 12th

|                             |                                            |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| 1st Reading:                | Isaiah 55.10-11                            |
| Responsorial Psalm:         | Ps 65.9abcd, 9e-10, 11-12, 13 (R.Lk 8.8)   |
| 2nd Reading:                | Romans 8.18-23                             |
| Gospel:                     | Matthew 13.1-23                            |
| OR: Matthew 13.1-9          |                                            |
| <b>Monday, July 13th</b>    |                                            |
| 1st Reading:                | Isaiah 1.10-17                             |
| Responsorial Psalm:         | Ps 50.8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 (R.23b)         |
| Gospel:                     | Matthew 10.34-11.1                         |
| <b>Tuesday, July 14th</b>   |                                            |
| 1st Reading:                | Isaiah 7.1-9                               |
| Responsorial Psalm::        | Ps 48.1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5, 6-7 (R.8d)          |
| Gospel :                    | Matthew 11.20-24                           |
| <b>Wednesday, July 15th</b> |                                            |
| 1st Reading:                | Isaiah 10.5-7, 13-16                       |
| Responsorial Psalm:         | Ps 94.5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 14-15 (R.14a)        |
| Gospel:                     | Matthew 11.25-27                           |
| <b>Thursday, July 16th</b>  |                                            |
| 1st Reading:                | Isaiah 26.7-9, 12, 16-19                   |
| Responsorial Psalm:         | Ps 102.12-14, 15-17, 18-20 (R.19b)         |
| Gospel:                     | Matthew 11.28-30                           |
| <b>Friday, July 17th</b>    |                                            |
| 1st Reading:                | Isaiah 38.1-6, 21-22, 7-8                  |
| Responsorial Canticle:      | Is 38.10, 11, 12abcd, 14b+16b (R. see 17b) |
| Gospel:                     | Matthew 12.1-8                             |
| <b>Saturday, July 18th</b>  |                                            |
| 1st Reading:                | Micah 2.1-5                                |
| Responsorial Psalm:         | Ps 10.1-2, 3-4, 7-8, 14                    |

Gospel:

(R.12b)  
Matthew 12.14-21

**STEWARDSHIP**  
“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” MATTHEW 13:22  
Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

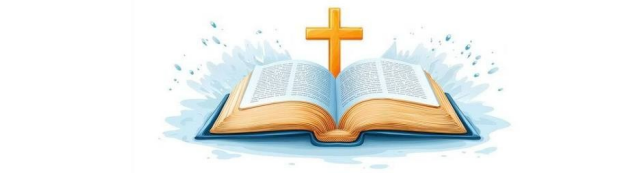
**HUMOUR**      **The “slow” driver**  
Sitting on the highway, waiting to catch speeders, a state trooper spotted a car crawling along at just 35 kmh. He thought, “That’s just as dangerous as going too fast!” So he turned on his lights and pulled the car over. Inside were six elderly ladies, all wide-eyed like they’d seen a ghost. The driver said, “Officer, I don’t understand. I wasn’t speeding. What’s the problem?” He replied, “Ma’am, driving too slowly can be just as dangerous as speeding.” The woman calmly said, “But I was going exactly 35 kilometers an hour!” Trying not to laugh, the officer explained, “That’s not the speed limit, ma’am... that’s the route number.” Her face turned red. “Oh! Thank you, officer!” she said with a nervous laugh. As he walked away, he looked back at the other ladies, still pale and silent, and asked, “Are they alright?” She smiled and said, “They’ll be fine in a minute... we just got off Route 150.”

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **The month of July** is Grandparent’s and Grandchildren's month in St. Stephen’s Parish. St. Anne guided her daughter, Mary, and Grandson, Jesus. Grandparent’s are encouraged to invite their Grandchildren to join them in attending weekly Mass.
- **The Port au Port Indian Band** is hosting the **Feast of St. Anne** Mass at Maria Regina Parish. A breakfast will follow at the Maria Regina Parish Hall. All are welcome and we would be honored if you could join us as we celebrate our Mi’kmaq Patron Saint.

**YARD SALE!!!**  
**WHEN: Friday, July 17th & Saturday, July 18th**  
**WHERE: Saint Anne’s Hall**  
**TIME: 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

**Pope Leo’s Prayer Intention for the month of July, 2026: For the respect for human life.**  
Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.



“Each one of us can look into his own conscience today and discover to which class he or she belongs. Are some of us perhaps, like the seed that fell on the rocky ground? While Christianity makes no very difficult demand we are all for it, but when it demands mortification, the curbing of passion, real sacrifices for our neighbor, do we forget our Christian calling then and ignore its precepts? And how does our type of Christianity stand up to the temptations of the world; the desire to get all the enjoyment we can out of this life, licit or illicit, breaking God's commandments weekly or maybe daily? Are we chasing after wealth and power, using all our energies to rise in the world to be above our neighbor by fair or foul means? If the above are our aims in life, our Christianity has been or is being choked out of us.

There are millions of saints in heaven today, enjoying eternal happiness, who had some, if not all, of our present failings. We, too, can be with them one day, provided we do what they did. They repented sincerely and remained God's close friends, until he called them to himself. May the merciful God give us the grace to imitate them while we yet have time.”

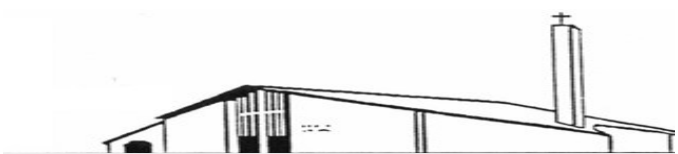
Excerpted from *The Sunday Readings* by Fr. Kevin O’Sullivan, O.F.M.  
<https://www.catholicculture.org/culture/liturgicalyear/calendar/day.cfm?date=2026-07-12>



“That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables...”

Matthew 13.1-4

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| July 12, 2026                                      |  | The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time       |  |
|----------------------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------------|--|
| <b>Bishop of Corner Brook &amp; Labrador.....</b>  |  | <b>Most Rev. Bart van Roijen</b>            |  |
| <b>Pastor.....</b>                                 |  | <b>Fr. Joseph Kizhakkekuvithadathil CST</b> |  |
| <b>Associate Pastor.....</b>                       |  | <b>Fr. George Attuchalil CST</b>            |  |
| <b>Parish Council Chair.....</b>                   |  | <b>Warren Quinton</b>                       |  |
| <b>Finance Chair.....</b>                          |  | <b>Rosa Dollard</b>                         |  |
| <b>Administrative Assistant.....</b>               |  | <b>Kim Ryan</b>                             |  |
| <b>St. Anne’s Guild President.....</b>             |  | <b>Hilda Short</b>                          |  |
| <b>Religious Education Coordinator.....</b>        |  | <b>Michelle Hawco</b>                       |  |
| <b>Liturgy Coordinator.....</b>                    |  | <b>Bernice Maddock</b>                      |  |
| <b>Responsible Ministry Coordinator.....</b>       |  | <b>Debbie Wilton</b>                        |  |
| <b>Knights of Columbus Grand Knight.....</b>       |  | <b>Conrad Benoit</b>                        |  |
| <b>4th degree Assembly Faithful Navigator.....</b> |  | <b>Clyde Russell</b>                        |  |
| <b>District Master 4th degree.....</b>             |  | <b>Bob Miller</b>                           |  |

**MASS TIMES**

*\*St. Stephen’s Parish:*  
Saturday Evenings at 6:00 pm  
Sunday Mornings at 10:30 am  
Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:00 pm  
Thursday and Friday at 9:30 am  
*\*Maria Regina, Port au Port East:*  
Saturday at 4:30 pm & Sunday at 9:00 am  
Thursday at 3:30 pm  
*\*Our Lady of Fatima, Piccadilly:*  
1st, 2nd, & 4th Sunday of each month at 10:30 am  
*\*St. Columcille, St. Fintans:*  
1st & 4th Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm

**RECONCILIATION**

The Priest is available 30 minutes before Mass

**HEALING MASS**

The 1st Friday of the month.  
< Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and reconciliation: 9:30am to 12noon>

**WELCOME:** If you are new to the area, welcome to St. Stephen’s Parish. If you would like to register as a new parishioner please reach out to the main office.

**OFFICE HOURS**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 8:30am to 4:30pm  
Wednesday: 8:30am to 12noon  
Friday: 8:30am to 4:00pm  
*\*Closed daily from 12noon to 1:00pm*

**MARRIAGES**

Six months required; One year recommended.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION**

Please call the Parish Office to register.

**ST.STEPHEN’S PRAYER GROUP**

Tuesday at 1:30pm

**ROSARY GROUP**

Saturday at 11:00am

**SAINT ANNE’S GUILD**

Rosary: Summer Break. Will resume in September.